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The Honorable
Patricia Derian
Assistant Secretary
for Human Rights and
Humanitarian Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Pat:

I have read with interest the letter you sent me a few days ago, along with a flyer on the Deutsch case.

Let me share with you my great concern for the so-called "facts" on which this case is supposed to rest. I do not see how assertions without any evidence can possibly be called facts. The extent to which policy decisions might be influenced solely by allegations and specially those under the form of anti-Semitism, worries me.

It also worries me to see how a case is interpreted one way in one part of the world, when at the same time similar cases in other parts of the world, are given different connotations.

It would help us a great deal to know what evidence exists supporting charges of torture to members of the Deutsch family.

As you probably already know, President Videla sent a personal letter to President Carter on this matter, and at the same time informed him of the release of three members of that family and of the charges pressed against Lilliana and Alejandro for concealing terrorist groups' activities and for belonging to the Partido Comunista Revolucionario (Communist Revolutionary Party).

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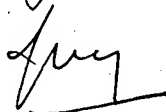
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Ms. Patricia Derian

As unfortunately next week I will be leaving for Buenos Aires, we will have to postpone our meeting until I return. I will look forward to seeing you then.

Sorry I did not see you at the International Horse Show. Hope that next year you will participate and show Washingtonians what good horsewomen Mississippians are.

Very Sincerely



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